

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Title: POSITIONING CONTROL FOR READ/WRITE HEAD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3 and 4 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said first point in time occurs at such a moment that the end (29) of the track (24) to be read or written is reached at a moment when the carriage (21) is already moving from the initial position to the final position while the scanning point (22) is still on said track (24).

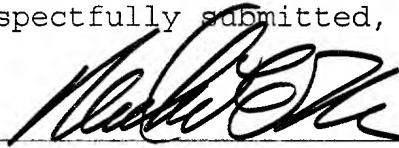
4. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the control circuit (6) is furthermore arranged for carrying out a signal processing operation (13), wherein the direction of the desired change of position relative to the initial position is derived from said representative signal, and for supplying the signal to the positioning means (5, 20) already at the first point in time so as to initiate the change of position in the direction derived from said representative signal before all the information from said representative signal has been processed by said control circuit (6).

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple defendant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

3. A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that said first point in time occurs at such a moment that the end (29) of the track (24) to be read or written is reached at a moment when the carriage (21) is already moving from the initial position to the final position while the scanning point (22) is still on said track (24).

4. A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the control circuit (6) is furthermore arranged for carrying out a signal processing operation (13), wherein the direction of the desired change of position relative to the initial position is derived from said representative signal, and for supplying the signal to the positioning means (5, 20) already at the first point in time so as to initiate the change of position in the direction derived from said representative signal before all the information from said representative signal has been processed by said control circuit (6).